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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Don Sloma, Executive Director

RE: 2001 State Board of Health Report on Governor Locke's Executive Order on Regulatory Improvement

Background and Summary

In March 1997, Governor Locke issued Executive Order 97-02, which required agencies to review by 2001, rules that are controversial or impose significant impacts on business, labor, consumers and the environment. The Executive Order outlined certain criteria for agencies to consider when reviewing regulations. These criteria include:

- Need and reasonableness;
- Effectiveness and efficiency;
- Stakeholder involvement;
- Coordination among regulatory agencies; and
- Consistency with legislative intent and statutory authority.

Additionally, the Executive Order required agencies to review existing policies, interpretive statements and similar documents to determine whether they belong in rule. All agencies are required to report their progress annually.

The Board and the Department of Health have submitted a joint report to meet this requirement in recent years.

The attached report details the progress on the regulatory review of the State Board of Health and the Department of Health rules. Section I describes the unique regulatory and administrative relationship between the board and the department. Section II outlines board accomplishments resulting from the review and depicts the board's progress in meeting timelines and summarizes petitions for amendment or repeal of rules. Section III describes the department's accomplishments and progress in completing the review, and summarizes the department's response to petitions for rule amendment. Section IV recommends need for amending certain statutes as an outcome of the rule review.

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Recommended Board Motion

The Board may wish to consider, amend, and approve the following motion:

The Board approves the 2001 State Board of Health and Department of Health Report on Governor Locke's Executive Order on Regulatory Improvement as submitted to it on November 14, 2001.